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Invention: INSTRUMENTATION FOR INSERTING AND IMPACTING AN ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC IN AN INTERVERTEBRAL SPACE

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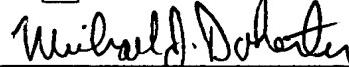
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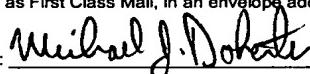
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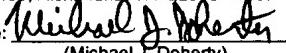
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.